

## **REMARKS**

The following Groups of claims have been distinguished, as follows, by the Examiner along with a request for an election of a Group thereof:

Group I - Claims 1-25 and 37-38, drawn to compositions of microgel containing polymers;

Group II - Claims 26-28 and 39, drawn to use of microgel containing polymers;

Group III - Claims 29 and 33-36, drawn to a process for the preparation of microgel containing polymers;

Group IV - Claim 30, drawn to a composition of microgel and polymer;

Group V - Claim 31, drawn to a use of compositions of microgel and polymer in molded bodies; and

Group VI - Claims 32, drawn to a process for production of molded bodies or coatings.

### **Applicants hereby elects Group I - Claims 1-25 and 37-38.**

In addition, as provided above, Applicants have also amended the elected claims and specification. Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-25, 37-38, and 40-41 will be all the claims pending in the instant application.


Instantly, Claims 1-25 and 37-38 are amended, Claims 26-36 and 39 are cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 40 and 41 are newly added and directed toward the elected invention.

Applicants respectfully submit no new matter has been added by the present amendments to the Claims or the Specification. Support for the amendments can be found generally throughout the text of Applicants' disclosure. These amendments are not intended to change the overall scope of the claimed invention, but rather are made to simply bring the claims into better accord with present U.S. practice.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information from Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned directly.

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